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SUBJ: LCY COMPLACENCY CHALLENGED

1. SUMMARY: RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE PLACED RENEWED EMPHASIS ON NEED TO BRING LCY OUT OF ITS COMPLENENCY AND MEET STANDARDS TITO'S LETTER SET FOR PARTY. SHARPEST OF THESE WAS SPEECH TO LC SERBIA CC PLENUM WHICH ALSO ANNOUNCED CONVENING OF 7TH LCS CONGRESS IN FEB. 1974. CURRENT CRITICAL TONE CONTRASTS WITH ONE OF MODERATE SATISFACTION WHICH CHARACTERIZED PARTY STATEMENTS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO ON ANNIVERSARY OF LETTER. IMPETUS FOR FURTHER REFORM MAY HAVE COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEETING WITH TITO AT BRIONI JUST BEFORE KOSYGIN'S VISIT THERE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN BORBA FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL OCTOBER 4 AND SPEECHES BY HIGH PARTY OFFICIALS IN RECENT DAYS, THEME HAS BEEN SOUNDED FOR CONTINUATION OF SELF-ANALYSIS AND REFORM. BORBA, NOTING THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF LETTER WAS TO START GRASSROOTS REFORMS, EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY FEW BASIC LC ORGANIZATIONS HAVE UNDERGONE SELF-ANALYSIS SINCE LETTER'S APPEARANCE. PAPER WARNED THAT NO COMMUNIST WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SHRINK FROM REFORMS AND ASKED IF PARTY

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LEADERSHIP MUST AGAIN PROD TO GET ACTION. LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU

MEMBER BUDISLAV SOSKIC, IN SPEECH TO GENERAL SESSION OF SUBOTICA (VOJVODINA) WORKERS ACTIVE OCTOBER 3, SIMILARLY PREACHED NEED FOR MORE SELF-ANALYSIS.

3. EVEN STRONGER TONE WAS SET BY MIRKO POPOVIC, CC AND SEC-RETARIAT MEMBER OF LC SERBIA. IN SPEECH BEFORE CC PLENUM MEETING HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED CC'S FAILURE TO REVIEW ITS PERSONNEL POLICIES SINCE 6TH SERBIAN LC CONGRESS AND APPEARANCE OF LETTER. AS RESULT, HE SAID LIBERALIST AND TECHNOCRATIC CONCEPTS HAD NOT BEEN ELIMINATED FROM ORGANIZATION AND CANDIDATES FOR HIGH OFFICE WERE NOT BEING SCREENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH WORKING CLASS INTERESTS. PRESS COVERAGE OF POPOVIC'S SPEECH SOFTENED SHARPNESS OF THIS TONE IN CONTRAST TO IMPRESSION HE MADE ON TELEVISION COVERAGE OF MEETING. IN STRONGEST WORDS WE HAVE HEARD, HE ATTACKED FORMER SERBIAN PARTY LEADERSHIP, THOUGH NOT BY NAME, FOR CONDITION OF LC SERBIA UP TO 45TH CC MEETING LAST YEAR (ATTENDED BY TITO). ALL CURRENT EPITHETS WERE USED: GROUP MONOPOLIES, INVOLVEMENT IN PRIVATIZATION, LIBERALISTIC-TECHNOCRATIC- BUREAUCRATISM. HE PROPOSED THAT ACTION PROGRAMS BE INITIATED BY THOSE WHO HAD ESTABLISHED THEIR CREDENTIALS THROUGH CONFORMITY WITH TITO'S SPEECHES AND LETTER.

4. EMPHASIS IN RECENT STATEMENTS CONTRASTS NOTICEABLY WITH SPEECHES OF TWO WEEKS AGO ON ANNIVERSARY OF LETTER. DOLANC'S SEPT. 19 SPEECH AT ZRENJANIN, REMARKS OF LCY PRESIDUM MEMBER TODO KURTOVIC ON TELEVISION SEPT. 19, SPEECH OF LCY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER JURE BILIC AT SABAC SEPTEMBER 25, AND ZAGREB VJESNIK SEPT. 23/24 ANNIVERSARY COLUMN ALL SPOKE OF TAKING STOCK, BUT ALWAYS IN CONTEXT OF MODERATE SATISFACTION OVER WAY PARTY HAD SHAPED UP IN RESPONSE TO LETTER.

5. COMMENT: TITO MAY HAVE CONVENED EXPANDED SESSION OF LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU AT BRIONI ON SEPTEMBER 25 TO LET PARTY CHIEFS KNOW THAT LCY RESPONSE TO LETTER IS STILL INADEQUATE. IN TERSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING, TANJUG SAID AGENDA INCLUDED PREPARATION FOR 10TH LCY AND REPUBLICAN CONGRESSES NEXT YEAR, REALIZATION OF TASKS SET FORTH IN LETTER AND CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

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